

What is claimed is:

1. A method of displaying a static information tip comprising the steps of:
 - providing a plurality of data fields, wherein the plurality of data fields comprises a first data field and a second data field;
 - focusing on the first data field;
 - displaying a first static information tip proximate to the first data field;
 - focusing on the second data field;
 - hiding from view the first static information tip; and
 - displaying a second static information tip proximate to the second data field;

whereby the first static information tip does not interrupt data input into the first data field and whereby the first information tip remains displayed until the step of focusing on the second data field.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
 - entering data in the first data field;
 - determining that the data entered in the first data field is erroneous; focusing on the first data field; and
 - displaying a third static information tip proximate to the first data field, whereby the third static information tip does not interrupt corrective data input into the first data field.
3. The method of claim 2, further comprising the steps of:

entering data in the second data field;

determining that the data entered in the second data field is erroneous; focusing on the second data field; and

displaying a fourth static information tip proximate to the second data field, whereby the fourth static information tip does not interrupt corrective data input into the second data field.

4. The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of:

displaying an error marker proximate to the first data field to indicate the data entered in the first data field is erroneous.

5. The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of:

displaying an error marker proximate to the first and second data fields to indicate the data entered in the first and second data fields is erroneous.

6. A method of displaying a static information tip and an error marker comprising the steps of:

focusing on a first data field;

displaying a first static information tip proximate to the first data field;

entering data in the first data field while continuing to display the first static information tip;

focusing on a second data field;

hiding from view the first static information tip;

determining the data entered into the first data field is erroneous;
placing an error marker adjacent to the first data field;
refocusing on the first data field;
displaying a second static information tip proximate to the first data field,
the second static information tip containing information for correcting the data
entered into the first data field.

7. A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable
instructions which when executed by a computer perform the steps of:

providing a plurality of data fields, wherein the plurality of data fields
comprises a first data field and a second data field;

focusing on the first data field;

displaying a first static information tip proximate to the first data field;

focusing on the second data field;

hiding from view the first static information tip; and

displaying a second static information tip proximate to the second data
field;

whereby the first static information tip does not interrupt data input into the
first data field and whereby the first information tip remains displayed until the step
of focusing on the second data field.

8. The medium of claim 7, further comprising the steps of: entering data in the first data field; determining that the data entered in the first data field is erroneous; focusing on the first data field; and

displaying a third static information tip proximate to the first data field, whereby the third static information tip does not interrupt corrective data input into the first data field.

9. The medium of claim 8, further comprising the steps of: entering data in the second data field; determining that the data entered in the second data field is erroneous; focusing on the second data field; and

displaying a fourth static information tip proximate to the second data field, whereby the fourth static information tip does not interrupt corrective data input into the second data field.

10. The medium of claim 8, further comprising the step of:

displaying an error marker proximate to the first data field to indicate the data entered in the first data field is erroneous.

11. The medium of claim 9, further comprising the step of:

displaying an error marker proximate to the first and second data fields to indicate the data entered in the first and second data fields is erroneous.

12. A system for displaying a static information tip and an error marker comprising a computer program module operative

to focus on a first data field;

to display a first static information tip proximate to the first data field;

to receive data in the first data field while continuing to display the first static information tip;

to determine the data entered into the first data field is erroneous;

to place an error marker adjacent to the first data field;

to refocus on the first data field;

to display a second static information tip proximate to the first data field, the second static information tip containing information for correcting the data entered into the first data field.